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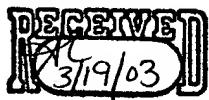
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March 19, 2003COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D. C. 20231**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office action December 20, 2002, having a shortened statutory period expiring March 20, 2003. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.